(c) whether Government do consider the present strength of subordinate courts adequate to deal with the toal number of Civil, Criminal and labour cases in Delhi; and

(d) if not, what steps Governments are taking to ease the situation to give relief to the poor litigants immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Total strength of subordinate courts in Delhi during the last three years was as detailed below:

Year	1984	1985	1986
Strength	118	127	128

(b) Total number of pending cases as on 1.7.87 in subordinate courts are as follows:

S. No.	Court	Pending cases
1	District/Addl. District and Sessions Judges Courts .	35,70
2	Sub Judges Court .	59,240
3	Rent Controller/Addl. Rent Controllers Court . .	16,318
4	Chief/Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate/Metropolitan Magistrate Courts	3,15,890

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government is seized of the matter and necessary steps are being taken to increase the required strtength of judges in Delhi.

Overcharging the price of Dextropropoxyphene Hcl

3431. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1635 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the price of Dextropropoxyphene Hcl|Hyclate taken in fixing the price of formulations based on this drug;

(b) what are the details of instances of overcharging which came to the notice of his Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that full powers under the Essential Commodities Act have been provided to deal with the cases of overcharging in medicines; and

(d) if so, why action against those companies which have been overcharging has not been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAL CHANDRA SINGH): (a) A price of Rs. 1853.73 Kg. has been allowed for the bulk drug Dextropropoxyphene Hcl| Hyclate while fixing the price of formulations based thereon.

(b) A complaint of overcharging the price fixed by the Government by M|s. Jagson Pal has been received by the Government. Reply received from M|s. Jagson Pal is under examination.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Actionn as per due process of law is taken in all such cases.

Consumer interest in new drug policy

3432. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 190 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has announced the expansion of the price decontrol basket, increase of mark-up on price controlled medicines, abolition of Equalisation Account, discontinuation of retention and pool price system as well as option in return to Drug Industry in the measures for Rationalisation Quality Control and growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India; and

(b) if so, how such measures will safeguard the consumer's interest?